GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL STAY OF FOREIGNERS IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has raised the issue of illegal stay of foreigners in India with the various Foreign Governments during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of those countries with whom such issues have been raised during the above period yearwise;

(c) the details of the response given by such countries, country-wise ; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government in this matter ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bangladesh and Pakistan .

(c&d)
(i) Bangladesh Government of India has frequently taken up the problem with Government of Bangladesh at political and official levels including in the biannual Director General level talks between the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR). The stand of Bangladesh Government is that there are no illegal Bangladesh immigrants in India as there is no economic reationale for large-scale migration from Bangladesh to India.

(ii) Pakistan When Ministry of External Affairs is informed by Ministry of Home Affairs, consular access is provided to the Pakistani Government after Government of Pakistan confirms detenue nationality. Repatriated Pakistani detenues are accepted by the Pakistan Government. Arrested Pakistanis are allowed to complete their sentence and thereafter released and repatriated. In the past three years, Government of India has released and repatriated 109 Pakistani civil prisoners.